



ITEM NO. 6

STAFF REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2012
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ROD FOSTER, CITY MANAGER
PREPARED BY: ARTHUR W. MORGAN, REDEVELOPMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council set a public hearing date for March 6, 2012 for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Community Development Block Grant funds.

GOAL STATEMENT

The proposed action will support the City's goal to enhance the quality of life for Colton's residents.

BACKGROUND

Since the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program's inception in 1974, it has provided financial assistance to grantees for a variety of community development purposes. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") uses a formula to calculate the grant amount for each metropolitan city, urban county and state. CDBG funds can be used to benefit low and moderate income residents by: building roads, parks, repairing or rehabilitating housing in target areas, by providing new or increased public services to income-qualifying residents, or by funding initiatives that generate new jobs. The County of San Bernardino's Community Development and Housing Department ("CDH") currently provides project oversight for CDBG projects through the Urban County program, in which Colton is a partner and joint recipient.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

In fall of 2011, staff was advised that the submittal deadline for all CDBG proposals for fiscal year 2012-2013 funds was November 22, 2011. Those proposals were analyzed by CDH for eligibility. Eligible project proposals serving Colton residents were forwarded back to the City on February 2, 2012, for further processing. On February 8, 2012, the CDBG Ad Hoc Committee met to finalize project recommendations to be presented to the City Council on March 6, 2012. Final funding recommendations are due back to the County by March 16, 2012.

Staff requests Council set a public hearing date for March 6, 2012, to establish their fiscal year 2012-2013 final funding recommendations. Eligible applications will be available for public review beginning February 23, 2012, at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 650 N. La Cadena Drive, in Colton. There is \$414,330 in CDBG funds available to Colton in fiscal year 2012-2013.

FISCAL IMPACTS

CDBG Funds are 100% reimbursable. Funded capital improvement projects will be included in the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Program, and will be included in the City's budget.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

2012 – 2013 Eligible CDBG Project Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Colton will hold a Public Hearing, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 650 North La Cadena Drive, at 6:00 P.M., on **TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012.**

The Public Hearing concerns the following actions:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT
PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013
CDBG FUNDS.**

Copies of the projects recommended for funding are available for review in the City Clerk's office.

The open session of the City Council begins at 6:00 P.M. that evening in the Council Chambers located at 650 North La Cadena Drive. The City Clerk's Office is located at the same address.

/s/

EILEEN C. GOMEZ, CMC
City Clerk
City of Colton